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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A dental appliance storage assembly comprising:

a base;

a tubular storage member for receiving and storing a manual toothbrush, said tubular storage member having a conical bottom surface extending into an interior of said tubular storage member such that the conical bottom surface urges the manual toothbrush is urged into a ~~non-vertical~~ vertical orientation when the toothbrush is positioned in said interior and a free lower end of the manual toothbrush contacts and is able to slide along the conical bottom surface as gravity acts on the toothbrush; and

a floss dispensing assembly configured to dispense floss and coupled to said base.

2. (Original) The dental appliance storage assembly of claim 1 wherein said floss dispensing assembly is shaped to resemble a character.

3. (Currently Amended) The dental appliance storage assembly of claim 2 wherein said character has a humanoid shape with a torso portion and an arm portion outstretched from the torso portion, said torso portion forming a compartment for holding a roll of floss.

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4. (Currently Amended) The dental appliance storage assembly of claim 3, further comprising:

a floss conduit extending from said compartment through said arm portion to an opening in said arm portion such that the floss is threadable through said conduit whereby the floss appears to be produced from said arm portion of said character.

5. (Original) The dental appliance storage assembly of claim 1, further comprising:

an audio device coupled to said base for producing a sound during use.

6. (Original) The dental appliance storage assembly of claim 5 wherein said audio device is an am/fm radio.

7. (Original) The dental appliance storage assembly of claim 1 wherein said tubular storage member is removable from said base.

8. (Original) The dental appliance storage assembly of claim 1 wherein a bottom section of said tubular storage member is threaded; and said base including a threaded portion complimentary to said threading of said tubular storage member.

9. (Original) The dental appliance storage assembly of claim 1 wherein said tubular storage member includes a bottom portion and a top portion, said top portion being separable from said bottom portion.

10. (Original) The dental appliance storage assembly of claim 9 wherein said top portion has an open bottom couplable to said bottom portion, a closed top, and a plurality of slits positioned proximate said closed top for providing ventilation into said tubular storage assembly when said top portion is coupled to said bottom portion.

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11. (Original) The dental appliance storage assembly of claim 5 wherein said audio device is shaped to resemble a juke box.

12. (Original) The dental appliance storage assembly of claim 9 wherein said bottom portion has an open top couplable to said top portion, a closed bottom, and a plurality of slits positioned proximate said closed bottom for providing ventilation into said tubular storage assembly when said top portion is coupled to said bottom portion.

13. (Original) The dental appliance storage assembly of claim 5 wherein said audio device includes means for playing sounds from a pre-recorded medium.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (New) The dental appliance storage assembly of claim 1 wherein the conical bottom surface of said tubular storage member biases the free lower end of the manual toothbrush laterally outward toward a perimeter wall of said tubular storage member when the manual toothbrush is positioned in said interior.

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16. (New) The dental appliance storage assembly of claim 1 wherein said floss dispensing assembly is shaped to resemble a character;

wherein said character has a humanoid shape with a torso portion and an arm portion outstretched from the torso portion, said torso portion forming a compartment for holding a roll of floss;

a floss conduit extending from said compartment through said arm portion to an opening in said arm portion such that the floss is threadable through said conduit whereby the floss appears to be produced from said arm portion of said character;

an audio device coupled to said base for producing a sound during use, said audio device including an AM/FM radio, said audio device including means for playing sounds from a pre-recorded medium, said audio device being shaped to resemble a juke box;

wherein said tubular storage member is removable from said base, a bottom section of said tubular storage member being threaded, said base including a threaded portion complimentary to said threading of said tubular storage member;

wherein said tubular storage member includes a bottom portion and a top portion, said top portion being separable from said bottom portion, said top portion having an open bottom couplable to said bottom portion, a closed top, and a plurality of slits positioned proximate said closed top for providing ventilation into said tubular storage assembly when said top portion is coupled to said bottom portion;

wherein said bottom portion has an open top couplable to said top portion, a closed bottom, and a plurality of slits positioned proximate said closed bottom for providing ventilation into said tubular storage assembly when said top portion is coupled to said bottom portion; and

wherein the conical bottom surface of said tubular storage member biases the free lower end of the manual toothbrush laterally outward toward a perimeter wall of said tubular storage member when the manual toothbrush is positioned in said interior.